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Ambassador Salmon Addresses Post-9-11 Terrorism Concerns

Ambassador Charles Salmon, Foreign Policy Advisor of the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, visited Manila December 9-15, 2001 as a Public Affairs Section-hosted speaker on the timely topic "U.S. Policy on the Global Campaign against Terrorism". A specialist with extensive experience in the Philippines and throughout the region, Ambassador Salmon shared his insights with scholars, journalists, policymakers, members of the military and representatives of business and civil society sectors.

He addressed U.S., Philippine and regional security concerns since the post-
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CHED Chair Ester Garcia, Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Montemayor, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, U.S. Chargé d' Affaires Robert W. Fitts and PAEF Chairman Michael Anderson helped open PAEF's new office in Makati.



SECRETARY POWELL HONORS GMA. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, during her November visit to Washington, received from Secretary of State Colin Powell a U.S. Department of State "award of recognition" for her "strong commitment to fostering educational exchange and mutual understanding between Filipinos and Americans." The award noted that the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) administers the oldest continuous Fulbright scholarship program in the world and, with President Arroyo's support, educational exchanges were further expanded through the new Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program. The Mindanao Assistance Package announced in the joint statement signed by Presidents Bush and Arroyo on November 20, 2001 includes \$825,000 in new exchanges, including a number of Fulbright scholarship grants specifically for Mindanao's Muslim community.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on December 4, 2001 inaugurated the new offices of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), the joint U.S. and Philippine government-funded commission which manages educational exchange programs between the two countries.

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Robert W. Fitts joined the President, PAEF officials, U.S. exchange program alumni and other guests at a ceremony opening the attractive new offices, which are on the tenth floor of the new Ayala Life/FGU Center, 6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati.

Established by the two governments in 1948 to promote mutual understanding through educational exchange, PAEF administers the prestigious Fulbright, Humphrey and East-West Center scholarship programs and operates an educational advising center to provide information to Filipinos interested in studying in the U.S.

More than 1,700 Filipinos and 700 Americans have been Philippine Fulbrighters. Seventy Filipinos have had Humphrey Fellowships. More than 2,400 Filipinos have

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The new, high-rise PAEF office space includes a large, multi-purpose room for programs and for an educational advising center; a conference room; and staff office space for PAEF Executive Director Alex Calata and his staff. The office is on the 10th floor of the new Ayala LLife/FGU Center in the heart of Makati's business district at 6811 Ayala Avenue.



Agriculture Secretary Montemayor and Chargé d'Affaires Robert Fitts (seated, left to right) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to extend the Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program for a third year. PAEF Chair Dr. Michael Anderson and CHED Chair Dr. Ester Garcia (standing left) joined President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in witnessing the signing.



Among the many inauguration guests were (left to right) historian Serafin Quiazon; Metrobank Foundation Chito Sobrepeña; and the Fulbright Philippine alumni association's president, Cora dela Paz, who is the new SSS administrator



PAEF Executive Director Alex Calata (left) poses with some of the American Fulbrighters who attended the inauguration with President Macapagal-Arroyo as the chief guest. Shown behind the grantees is an exhibit on the Fulbright program's history.

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studied, trained or conducted research on East-West Center grants.

Chargé Fitts said that, as a result of President Macapagal-Arroyo's recent very successful visit to Washington, bilateral cultural and educational exchange programs will be expanded. "The Mindanao Assistance Package announced in the November 20, 2001 joint statement by the two Presidents will include \$825,000 in new exchanges, including a number of Fulbright scholarship grants specifically for Mindanao's Muslim community," he said.

Chargé Fitts also noted that during the Philippine President's meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington the Secretary presented her with a "United States Department of State Award of Recognition" in appreciation for her "strong commitment to fostering educational exchange and mutual understanding between Filipinos and Americans."

PAEF is the longest, continuous-running Fulbright commission in the world. "It has been serving our two countries well for 53 years, and both our governments can be proud of their Fulbright and other accomplishments," Chargé Fitts explained. "PAEF has set a high standard

in the extraordinarily effective work it has done over the years to strengthen the educational and intellectual ties between our two nations."

In his inauguration remarks, PAEF Chairman Michael H. Anderson said that PAEF has had a tremendous positive impact on mutual understanding and cooperation between the U.S. and the Philippines. "Participating scholars and professionals have had a priceless opportunity to observe another culture, establish lasting friendships, exchange ideas and embark on research and other cooperative ventures of importance not only to our two nations but to the peace and general welfare of the world," he said. ■

Bush, Arroyo Discuss Terrorism, Expanded Trade

"Unusual warmth and candor" characterized the November 20 meeting in Washington between President George W. Bush and Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, according to a joint statement released the same day.

The meeting "heralded a new era of comprehensive cooperation and friendship between the United States and the Philippines," it said. Among the topics they discussed: reaffirmation of the military alliance established 50 years ago with the signing of the U.S.-Philippine Mutual Defense Treaty; cooperative efforts to fight terrorism; the expansion of bilateral trade; agricultural agreements; economic reform and anti-poverty programs; protecting the environment; and the separatist conflict in the southern Philippines.

Following is the text of the joint statement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines:

"President George W. Bush and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo today reaffirmed the strength and warmth of bilateral relations and commemorated the 50th anniversary of the signing of the U.S.-Philippine Mutual Defense Treaty. While celebrating the achievements of half a century of defense cooperation, the two Presidents agreed that the alliance remains vital to both nations, particularly in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

President Bush conveyed his deep appreciation for President Macapagal-Arroyo's leadership in the fight against terror, both within the southern Philippines and against

international terrorist networks. He specifically noted with appreciation Philippine offers of logistical and other support to the coalition, as well as President Arroyo's efforts to forge a regional ASEAN approach to combating terror. President Bush also welcomed passage of new anti-money laundering legislation as a concrete step in the global effort against terrorism, and offered to provide technical assistance to help the Philippines effectively implement the new law. Emphasizing U.S. support for a strong, united ASEAN, President Bush further offered all appropriate assistance to help ASEAN improve its capacity to combat transnational threats, including terrorism and the illegal narcotics trade.

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September 11 terrorist attacks, and also responded to a myriad of questions on issues such as the Korean peninsula standoff, China-Taiwan relations, separatist movements in Indonesia, and the Kashmir conflict between Pakistan and India. He stressed that despite the events of September 11, the fundamental security constellation in the Asia-Pacific region remains intact. Also, he noted how pleased he was to see U.S.-Philippine relations doing so well in the post-Cold War, post-American bases era.

Ambassador Salmon gave separate lectures at the University of the Philippines Center for Asian Studies, the National Defense College of the Philippines and the University of Asia and the Pacific. Ambassador Salmon reached out to policymakers when meeting with senior officials of the Department of National Defense, National Security Council, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police as well as the senior staff members of the Philippine Senate. In addition, he participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the National Security Council.

Appearing live on "Online" and "Strictly Politics," current affairs TV programs, Ambassador Salmon condemned the atrocities committed by Osama bin Laden and the Taliban, a group that he considers to espouse a perversion of Islam while being totally alienated from the civilized world. Ambassador Salmon was also interviewed online at the ABS-CBN's "PinoyCentral"

website, which allowed him to engage in a question and answer session with "chatters" located in the Philippines and abroad.

Ambassador Salmon's visit coincided with that of a delegation of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), which was meeting with Filipino counterparts from the National Movement for Young Legislators (NYML). Each organization was founded with the goal of developing the budding leaders of today into a pool of competent, committed and dedicated leaders of tomorrow. In order to share ideas while allowing participants maximum exposure to democratic institutions, an exchange

relationship between ACYPL and NMYL was established in 1995.

Ambassador Salmon was the guest speaker at a dinner reception in honor of the ACYPL delegates and their NMYL counterparts. The event was hosted by Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Heide Bronke in the Thomas Jefferson Information Center on December 12, 2001. This affair marked the culmination of a two-week visit by the eight ACYPL delegates from the U.S., and was an excellent opportunity for young leaders from both the U.S. and the Philippines to hear the perspectives of a foreign policy veteran like Ambassador Salmon. ■



Ambassador Charles Salmon (center) spoke at a U.S. Embassy dinner honoring a visiting ACYPL delegation, which was being hosted by the NMYPL.

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against terrorism should be fought in parallel with the war against poverty, and that the most effective and least costly anti-poverty bilateral cooperation measure would be to work together to open markets worldwide. The two Presidents, therefore, resolved to work closely to expand trade bilaterally, regionally and globally, particularly in the context of the Doha Development Agenda. President Bush agreed to work with the United States Congress to provide the Philippines over \$1 billion in Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits. He also noted that the growth rate of quotas of U.S. imports of textiles and apparel from the Philippines would increase by 27 percent beginning in January 2002, in accordance with U.S. commitments to the WTO. The two leaders directed their Trade Ministers to reinvigorate and convene the U.S.-Philippine Trade and Investment Council within the first half of 2002.

Some long-standing issues are being resolved even before these missions, including approval of Philippine mangos for export to the United States. USDA and the Philippine Department of Agriculture further signed a Memorandum of Agreement on November 19 to renew and expand activities involving wide-ranging scientific, technological, and agribusiness cooperation. USDA will make available guarantee programs of \$150 million for U.S. agricultural exports and equipment to the Philippines that supports the modernization of Philippine agriculture and fisheries. Arrangements are also being made to provide up to \$40 million in PL-480 food aid for fiscal year 2002, subject to budget allocations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo emphasized her government's commitment to fight poverty, accelerate economic reform, enhance transparency and promote good governance. In support of these objectives, President Bush announced that in addition to assistance for Mindanao, he is seeking \$29 million from Congress in fiscal year 2002 monies to support poverty alleviation, economic growth, and anti-corruption efforts throughout the Philippines. As an expression of confidence in President Macapagal-Arroyo's strong leadership on economic reform, President Bush further announced that the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) will extend a special line of credit of \$200 million, building on its current substantial portfolio commitments for private sector investment in the Philippines, including in the housing sector. The two Presidents

agreed to work to increase American investment in the Philippines, considering the close partnership between their countries.

The two Presidents affirmed their shared commitment to protecting the environment, pledging to continue the environmental activities, including technical cooperation, under the July 2000 Joint Statement of Cooperation on Environment and Public Health. President Bush also informed President Macapagal-Arroyo that the Philippines has been declared eligible to participate in debt treatment programs under the U.S. Tropical Forest Conservation Act (TFCA) of 1998. TFCA provides for the cancellation of a portion of concessional debt owed to the United States (which, in the case of the Philippines, currently totals approximately \$430 million) in exchange for a commitment to make local currency payments to support domestic forest conservation activities.

The two Presidents discussed the situation in the southern Philippines, where separatist conflict and armed insurgency have raged for decades. President Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo expressed deep concern for the safety of Philippine and

American hostages held by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) in the southern Philippines and called for their immediate and unconditional release. The two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to secure the safe return of all hostages and to put an end to the terrorist acts committed by the ASG.

They discussed the recent trip to the Philippines by a U.S. counterterrorism assistance team, which assessed the capabilities and needs of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in their campaign against the ASG. The two leaders affirmed that they would continue to work on a vigorous, integrated plan to strengthen the Philippine security forces' capacity to combat terror and protect Philippine sovereignty. Such an integrated plan would include a robust training package, equipment needed for increased mobility, a maintenance program to enhance overall capabilities, specific targeted law enforcement and counterterrorism cooperation, and a new bilateral defense consultative mechanism. As a preliminary step to enhance Philippine military modernization, President Bush pledged to work with the Congress for at least a ten-fold increase in Foreign Military

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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11. U.S. Acting Chargé d'Affaires John Caulfield (left) and Philippine Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo stand at attention during the presentation of the U.S. and Philippine flags at a special remembrance ceremony held December 11 in the U.S. Embassy to remember the September 11 terrorist attacks. The singing of the two national anthems and "God Bless America" was led by tenor Frankie Asceniero and a minute of silence was observed at approximately 8:46 a.m. — the moment the first hijacked plane crashed into the World Trade Center in New York. Diplomats, representatives of American community organizations and embassy staff attended the ceremony. At the request of President George W. Bush, ceremonies were held around the U.S. and elsewhere to help ensure that the world never forgets what happened in New York City and Washington on September 11.

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Financing (FMF), from \$1.9 million to \$19 million for fiscal year 2002, and to sustain heightened assistance levels in fiscal year 2003. He further announced his intent to provide an additional \$10 million in Department of Defense goods and/or services to assist the Armed Forces of the Philippines and another \$10 million to support counterterrorism and law enforcement assistance. In total, security assistance from the Bush Administration to the Macapagal-Arroyo Administration, offered and/or delivered, is expected to be worth nearly \$100 million for fiscal years 2001-2002.

While pledging military cooperation to end the terrorist activities of the ASG, both leaders agreed that sustainable peace in Mindanao in the southern Philippines requires addressing Mindanao's root economic and social problems. President Bush praised President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to pursue a political path to peace with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and welcomed the recent cease-fire signed between the MILF and the Government of the Philippines. To help consolidate the peace and to promote economic and social development in Muslim communities, President Bush announced that he is working with the United States Congress to more than double U.S. assistance to Mindanao with a fiscal year 2002 package worth over \$38 million. Combined with fiscal year 2001 assistance, the United States will provide over \$55 million to Mindanao.

This Mindanao Assistance Package will provide direct support for the nascent peace process by integrating the ex-combatants and their communities into the peacetime economy; creating an environment in Mindanao that is attractive for investment, job creation and economic progress; and providing improved public services in Mindanao, especially in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. This package will also include \$825,000 in new educational and cultural exchanges, including a number of Fulbright scholarship grants, specifically targeted at Mindanao's Muslim community. This represents an almost 90 percent increase in educational exchange programming for Mindanao. The President further committed to work with Congress and other donors to secure additional resources for Mindanao, as the peace process moves forward in the years ahead.

To complement this assistance, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA) is



THOMASITE CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT LAUNCHED. Secretary of Education Raul Roco and Cultural Affairs Officer Thomas Kral(center) cut the ribbon inaugurating the NCAA-funded "The Thomasites: A Century for All" exhibit commemorating the legacy of the American teachers who helped establish the public school system in the Philippines.

taking a pro-active approach to encourage the U.S. private sector's involvement in Mindanao's infrastructure development. Both Presidents welcome TDA's signing of a \$302,500 grant agreement to plan the development of a commercially sustainable solar-powered irrigation system for rural farming communities and look forward to future TDA projects that will further promote sustainable development for the people of Mindanao.

President Bush expressed condolences for the victims of the severe typhoon that hit the Mindanao region earlier this month and noted that the United States contributed \$100,000 in disaster relief assistance to help affected families. To help better prepare for, and respond to, future disasters, the two leaders welcomed the signing of a U.S.-Philippine protocol of intentions on cooperation on disaster prevention and management.

The meeting between President Bush and President Macapagal-Arroyo was characterized by unusual warmth and candor and heralded a new era of comprehensive cooperation and friendship between the United States and the Philippines. ■

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PAS Celebrates Int'l Education Week

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy could not limit its activities affirming international education and cross-cultural exchange to the confines of a single week. Beginning with observances of United Nations Day and continuing through the celebration

of Philippine National Education Week, December 2-8, it supported U.S. International Education Week activities with involving students and teachers from the elementary school through to the university, alumni of the Fulbright, Humphrey, and East-West Center programs, and alumni of Harvard and Yale. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presided over the inauguration of the new offices of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) in Makati on December 4, and Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) Raul Roco officially accepted the Thomasite Centennial Exhibit celebrating America's contribution to Philippine Education on November 13.

In recognition of United Nations Day, St. Scholastica's College organized a three-day children's peace congress for elementary school students in the Metro Manila area, October 23-25. More than 120 students joined together for activities highlighting world citizenship and the role children can play in bringing a culture of peace to their school community and neighborhood. Dr. Thomas J. Kral, Cultural Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy, was the keynote speaker. In his remarks he considered different strategies for resolving conflicts starting with a child's personal conflicts and moving to broad communal conflicts.

Working with Miami Dade Country public schools, the Cultural Affairs Section brought Manila high school students in contact with Florida students on October 24 for a digital video conference (DVC) and e-mail discussion titled "Worldlink 2001: Student

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Cyber Peace Mission." Twelve students representing six of Manila's top high schools participated in an animated exchange of views held in the Embassy's Thomas Jefferson Information Center with American counterparts on terrorism and the state of the world. The fluency that the Filipino students displayed in English underlined for both groups the importance of foreign language study as a foundation for a global society.

With democracy grant funding from the Department of State, the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates held an October 26-30 summit to set up a youth action network on human rights. Addressing the theme "A Conspiracy of Hope: Human Rights Culture, Human Rights Future!," 150 university-aged students from all regions of the Philippines met with representatives from Burma, Australia, Sri Lanka, East Timor and Canada to consider human rights abuses and how to think in concrete terms as to how to halt them at the school level and beyond. U.S. Embassy Political Officer Richard Nelson and Cultural Affairs Officer Dr. Thomas J. Kral were speakers at the summit, which was held in Baguio.

On November 9, the Public Affairs Section organized an opening night gala performance of the Tanghalang Pilipino drama "One Hundred Songs of Mary Helen Fee," which highlights the efforts of one of the 500-plus Thomasite teachers who came to the Philippines a century ago to establish the public school system. Performed at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the play attracted leading figures in education and

culture. It was written by award-winning writer Tony Perez, who is a Cultural Affairs Specialist in the U.S. Embassy. As one of the featured events of the Thomasite Centennial Year, the play looked at international education from a personal perspective while showing the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between two peoples.

The Cultural Affairs Officer participated in the official turnover ceremony of fourteen sets of the ten-panel Thomasite Centennial exhibit to the Department of Education on November 13. These exhibits are presently being displayed in the public schools of the fourteen administrative regions of the Philippines. In the DECS Hall of Knowledge, DepEd Secretary Raul Roco received the exhibits and acknowledged the contributions of American education to the Philippines. The National Commission on Culture and the Arts made a grant of \$10,000 to the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) to underwrite the research, design and printing of the exhibit. Thomas Centennial Project Director Dr. Judy Celine Ick of the University of the Philippines - Diliman, oversaw the creation of the exhibit.

The Cultural Section joined with the Philippine National Historical Society, Silliman University, the Philippine Social Science Council, the National Historical Institute, and the Thomasites Centennial Project in implementing a November 15-16 conference in Dumaguete City on "A Century of Education in the Philippines: Implications for Nation Building." Drawing nearly half of the total audience from Muslim areas of Mindanao, the conference provided an opportunity to look at the American legacy to Philippine education and the continuing role that English plays in

Philippine life. Cultural Affairs Officer Dr. Thomas J. Kral delivered a plenary and opened an exhibit on "A Legacy of Education." Dr. Judy Celine Ick, Thomasites Centennial Project Director, and Cultural Affairs Specialist Tony Perez also gave presentations.

Dr. Deborah Jo Tippins, professor of science education at the University of Georgia, who is a Fulbrighter at West Visayas State University in Iloilo, conducted a workshop in the new PAEF office in Makati on November 16 on "Bridging the World through Science" for science teachers, teacher trainers and supervisors from the Department of Education (DepEd). She spoke on the socio-cultural dimensions of science teaching and learning and suggested techniques that teachers can use to make their classrooms centers for cooperative learning.

The annual Harvard-Yale Dinner, November 16, featured the new U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Robert Fitts as the keynote speaker. Noting that International Education Week was being observed in the United States, he spoke about the role that international education and exchanges play in strengthening U.S.-Philippine relations. He emphasized how the Fulbright, Humphrey, and East-West Center programs have enriched America and have led to an increased understanding by Filipinos of the U.S.

The Cultural Affairs Officer was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Foundation for Upgrading Standards of Education (FUSE) on November 27. Speaking on "The English Language as A Lasting Legacy of the Thomasites," Dr. Kral sparked an active discussion on the role that English plays within what Filipino linguists refer to as the "controlling domains" of Philippine society: Education, administration and government. Members of the audience, including former ministers of government and university officials, were in agreement that the English language legacy of the Philippines should not be lost if the country is to be a major player in the international community.

Clearly the centerpiece of the programs celebrating international education, the inauguration of the new office of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) was graced by the presence of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on December 4. (See story on p. 1.) Among the invited guests were the Philippine ambassador to the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chair of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED). U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Robert Fitts, PAEF's honorary chair, made brief remarks.



U.S. Fulbright Professor Deborah Jo Tippins (left) shown with fish teaching materials during a recent workshop for science educators held in the new PAEF office.

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The final International education event was the American Studies conference held at Ateneo de Naga University in Naga City, December 6-7. The Thomas Jefferson Information Center Director Eva B. Brillo and Computer Assistant Rene Garcia conducted a session on on-line resources for the study of history. Cultural Affairs Specialist Tony Perez conducted workshops in creative writing and the Cultural Affairs Officer spoke on the use of historical content for the teaching of language. Ateneo de Naga University professors, including Dr. Stephen Henry Totanes of the Ateneo de Manila University and Dr. Bernardita Churchill of De La Salle University and the University of the Philippines, made presentations about the Thomasite teachers in the Bicol region. The paper show "The American Contribution to Philippine Education" was formally opened as part of the conference and was on display in January.

CAO Promotes English Language Education

Renewing ties with the English language education community of the Philippines, Dr. Thomas J. Kral, the U.S. Embassy's new Cultural Affairs Officer, spoke at several conferences and meetings in Manila and Baguio reaching a total audience of more than 600 English teachers and teacher trainers from all regions of the country.

Dr. Kral, who formerly was the USIS Regional English Language Officer based in Manila, was keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Reading Association of the Philippines, October 19-21, at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Pasig City. Speaking on "Teaching Active Reading Strategies for the Computer Age," he stressed the need for teachers to introduce different processing strategies for extracting meaning from print and electronic texts.

Dr. Kral also spoke at the annual convention of the Council of Department Chairpersons for English (CDCE) at the Philippine Normal University on October 24.

The American Studies Association of Baguio organized a one-day program on November 24 at Baguio Central University, where Dr. Kral conducted a one-day seminar on "English Language as the Medium of Instruction in the Tertiary Level."

Dr. Kral was guest speaker at the breakfast meeting of the Foundation for Upgrading the Standards on Education (FUSE)



CAO Thomas Kral (center) with the Executive Board of the Reading Association of the Philippines (RAP) and other conference speakers.

at the Century Plaza Hotel in Manila on November 27.

He also presented a paper on "English as a Vehicle for Peace Education" at the sixth annual conference on "English in South East Asia" sponsored by Ateneo de Manila University, November 29-December 1.

At several of these venues, the English teaching textbooks and audiocassettes produced by the English Language Programs Office of the U.S. Department of State were sold. Connie Chico of the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy recently replaced Ruby Martin as the coordinator of the sales and distribution of U.S. government-produced English teaching materials in the Philippines.

Art Exhibit Held at Negros Museum

On November 16, 2001, Ms. Heide Bronke, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy, officially opened the exhibit "A Child's World" at the Negros Museum in Bacolod City. A collection of artworks created by Filipino and American children, the exhibit is the result of a two-year partnership between the Bacolod Museum and the Children's Museum of the Arts in New York. This partnership was made possible by a grant awarded under the International Partnership among Museums (IPAM) program. Funded by the Department of State and administered by the American Association of Museums, the IPAM Award is aimed at establishing mutually beneficial and sustainable linkages between the U.S. and non-U.S. museums with similar missions by undertaking a collaborative project.

"A Child's World" is the result of a series of activities arranged by the Negros Museum and the Children's Museum of the Arts, including art classes and photography sessions aimed at capturing the perceptions of Filipino children on the United States and vice-versa. Artworks from these activities will be exhibited at both museums. Negros Museum Director Lilibeth la O also visited the Children's Museum of the Arts and other museums and schools in New York City in May 2001 as part of the IPAM award. Ms. la O's visit came after two participants from the Children's Museum of the Arts, Elizabeth Reiss and Andrea Donley, visited Ms. la O's museum in Bacolod City earlier last year. ■

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HHH Alumni Attend Korea Conference

Six Filipino alumni of the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship program actively participated in the 4th East Asia-Pacific Humphrey Regional Conference held in Seoul, Korea on September 25-28. The participants were Mary Ruby Beltran, President of Sentrong Manggagawang Pilipina; Antonio Jose Cervantes, Executive Vice-President of Maxilite Technologies, Inc.; Rafael Dayrit, First Vice-President of Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.; Atty. Linda Hornilla, Commissioner, National Police Commission; Teresa Parian, Chief Operating Officer of Aerotech Industries Philippines, Inc.; and Atty. Ivan John E. Uy, Chief Information Officer of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

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Humphrey Fellows Association and the Korean Institute of Public Administration (KIPA), the conference had the theme of "The Changing Role of Government in the 21st Century." Humphrey Fellows from 18 countries, Dr. Paul Hiemstra of the Humphrey office in the U.S. State Department, Ms. Peggy Blumenthal of the Institute of International Education (IIE), and some university Humphrey coordinators were among the participants.

The Humphrey program in the Philippines has 70 Filipino alumni.

HHH Alumni Donate a House

Recognizing that the need for decent housing in the Philippines and around the world is staggering, Filipino alumni of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program recently cooperated with the Western Batangas Habitat for Humanity Foundation to build an affordable house for a low-income family.

Members of the International Association of Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows, Philippines

donated the simple, decent house to the Nante Salanguit family at the Nasugbu project site in Batangas. Family members, neighbors and Filipino Humphrey alumni volunteers were joined at the October 21 turnover ceremony by Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) Chairman Michael H. Anderson and U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Dr. Thomas J. Kral.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that

brings families and communities in need together with volunteers from all faiths who are committed to eliminating poverty housing. Homeowners contribute "sweat equity," and house payments are recycled to build additional affordable houses.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is Habitat's most famous supporter. In a single week in 1999, he and some 14,000 volunteers, including some from the U.S. Embassy, helped build 293 houses in the Philippines. ■



Humphrey Fellowship Program alumni, U.S. Embassy officials and friends pose in front of the new "Humphrey Habitat House," which was donated recently in Nasugbu, Batangas.



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